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NOTE VERBALE DATED 9 AUGUST 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING AN EXPLANATORY NOTE CONCERNING THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "PROPOSAL FOR A PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS" (CD/1419)

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva presents it compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to transmit to it herewith an explanatory note concerning the document entitled "Proposal for a programme of action for the elimination of nuclear weapons" (CD/1419, 7 August 1996).

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco would be grateful if the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament would register this explanatory note as an official document of the Conference and arrange for it to be distributed to all member delegations and non-member States participating in the work of the Conference.

EXPLANATORY NOTE CONCERNING THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "PROPOSAL FOR A PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS" (CD/1419, 7 August 1996)

The delegation of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Conference on Disarmament wishes to state the following:

(a) As document CD/419 was initially supposed to be submitted on behalf of 28 delegations belonging to the Group of 21 without naming them, the delegation of the Kingdom of Morocco, in a spirit of conciliation and compromise, did not oppose its submission to the Conference on Disarmament.

(b) The delegation of the Kingdom of Morocco is of the opinion that document CD/1419 was drawn up with a view to enriching the debate on nuclear disarmament and was submitted in that spirit. Consequently, the delegation of the Kingdom of Morocco, while subscribing to the general approach taken in the document, cannot be considered bound by, in particular, the mechanisms and time-limits proposed therein.